

[Mr. A. Thanu Pillai].

(c) whether in Kodumon pakuthi and in Poruvazhi pakuthi of the same taluk there are Government lands which can be used for this purpose, whether such lands were inspected by the Dewan, and the area of such lands;

(d) if the answer to parts (a) and (c) are in the affirmative, why it has been decided to acquire private land; and

(e) whether advisers to Government on Public Health have inspected the areas mentioned in (a) and (c), and, if so, their opinions regarding each of those areas as to their suitability for the purpose?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (a) and (b) The member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 72 asked by Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan.

(c) There are 69.32 acres of Government land in the Kodumon Pakuthi. There was no need to ascertain the area of the land in Poruvazhi pakuthi as it was reported to be quite unsuitable. The Dewan did not inspect the lands.

(d) In view of the above answers this question does not arise.

(e) Dr. Jacocks, Honorary Adviser, Public Health, inspected the site at Kodumon and he was of opinion that the site is too small for a leper settlement and that the conditions there are favourable for malaria.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Have the Government received a petition from the people of Enatimangalam in regard to acquisition of the land for this purpose?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the expert committee also consider the objections raised in those petitions?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): They will.

Report of the Public Health Department regarding the location of the leper asylum.

64. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Health Department was asked to inspect and report about the comparative merits of Nooranad, Attingal and Edakkad for the location of the leper asylum;

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the negative, the reasons for the same; and

(c) whether the Public Health Department was consulted when the question of locating the leper asylum at Kodumon was under consideration?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (a) No.

(b) A committee consisting of the Chief Engineer, the Dewan Peishkar, Quilon, and Dr. Noble has been appointed to inspect the sites and suggest one for locating the leper asylum. There is thus no necessity to consult the Health Department now.

(c) The member is referred to the answer to part (c) of interpellation No. 63

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*):

The answer says.

"A Committee consisting of the Chief Engineer, the Dewan Peishkar, Quilon, and Dr. Noble has been appointed to inspect the sites and suggest one for locating the leper asylum. There is thus no necessity to consult the Health Department now"

Which is the Department now responsible to Government for the health of the State?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Sanitary Department.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): What are the functions of the Health Department?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That Department has just been organised, as an experimental measure.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Has the Honorary Adviser for health or his assistant been consulted with regard to this question of locating the leper asylum?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know why he was not consulted with regard to the site at Nooranad?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): An expert committee, consisting of Dr. Noble and the Chief Engineer (who is our Sanitary Engineer) is going to consider the question. There is, therefore, no necessity to ask Dr. Jacocks or any of his assistants to consider the question.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): When the Government have organised a Health Department, what was the particular reason for choosing Dr. Noble for the committee?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Dr. Jacocks is not always available.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Has he an assistant?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): He has one now.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Is it because Government considered that Dr. Noble was more competent, to consider this question, that they included him in the Committee?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The availability of his services was the first consideration.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Was not the Assistant to Dr. Jacocks available then?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Government did not think of the case of the Assistant.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Why?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is left to the discretion of Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Is there any particular reason for exercising the discretion in this manner?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Dr. Noble has been a member of the Medical Board, and he was appointed as a member of the committee. Since he is a doctor the Government thought that he would do well to advise the Government in this matter.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Is the Medical Board in existence now?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No.

Rules re entertainment of subordinates in the P. W. D.

65. MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any specific rules and Government orders governing initial entertainment and promotion in the ministerial establishment of the Travancore Public Works Department;

(b) if so, whether they will place on the table copies of such rules and orders; and

(c) whether they adhere to those rules and orders with regard to appointments and promotions?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*):

(a) Yes.

(b) A copy of the rules governing initial appointments and promotions in the ministerial establishment of the P. W. D. is appended.

(c) Yes, except in short vacancies when promotions are granted to senior men on the spot, or in special cases in the interest of service.

Appointment of Mr. Ramachandra Rao as Division Assistant.

66. MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery cum Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao, Municipal President, Trivandrum, has been recommended for appointment as a Division Assistant;

(b) whether he has had, at any time, any experience in the Revenue and Magisterial Departments;

(c) if so, what;

(d) whether there is any rule that only those who have experience in Revenue and Magisterial Departments should be appointed as Division Assistants; and

(e) if so, whether Mr. Ramachandra Rao is not now appointed in contravention of that rule?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) Mr. Ramachandra Rao has been appointed as an Ag. Division Assistant.

(b) No.

(c) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (b) above.

(d) There is no such rule.

(e) In view of the answer to part (d), this does not arise.

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